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SUBJECT: MTN DAIRY SUBGROUP MEETING -JULY 12-15

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1. THE SUBGROUP ON DAIRY PRODUCTS MET JULY 12-14 UNDERTOOK AN EXAMINATION OF THE MEASURES MAINTAINED IN POLAND'S DAIRY SECTOR, AND CONTINUED ITS DISCUSSION OF THE TOPICS AGREED ON AT ITS FIRST MEETING. THE SUBGROUP HELD A COMPREHENSIVE, BUT INCONCLUSIVE, DEBATE ON THE MEANS OF LIBERALIZING IMPORT AND EXPORT REGIMES, ON PROBLEMS IN EXISTING INTERNATIONAL DAIRY ARRANGEMENTS, AS WELL AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON THE EC SUGGESTION FOR COMPILATION OF TRADE DATA AND MEASURES

ON CHEESE.

2. AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND TO A LESSER EXTENT, NEW ZEALAND AND THE US CRITICIZED THE C'S PROPOSALS ON IMPROVING THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS BECAUSE THEY DO NOT PROVIDE PREDICTABLE AND SECURE ACCESS. THE EC REPEATEDLY STATED THAT THE VARIABLE LEVIES ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE, BUT THAT THE HEIGHT OF THE LEVY WAS ADJUSTABLE ON THE CONDITION THAT EXPORTERS COMMIT THEMSELVES TO RESPECT A MINIMUM EXPORT PRICE. NEW ZEALAND AND CANADA INTERPRETED THIS TO MEAN THAT THE EC WAS NOT RULING OUT PRAGMATIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR BETTER ACCESS WITHIN THE VARIABLE LEVY SYSTEM AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE EC WOULD CONSIDER A PRAGMATIC SOLUTION SUCH AS THE LEVY FREE IMPORT QUOTA FOR BEEF GRANTED IN THE KENNEDY ROUND.

3. THE DEFICIENCIES OF THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS WERE WELL DOCUMENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE SUBGROUP. THE EC ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CERTAIN DEFICIENCIES EXIST, BUT STATED THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NEVERTHELESS WORKED. TO OVERCOME THESE DEFICIENCIES, THE SUBGROUP SHOULD WORK TOWARDS A SINGLE ARRANGEMENT WITH A LARGER PRODUCT COVERAGE (INCLUDING BUTTER AND PERHAPS BUTTERMILK POWDER), COMPULSORY PARTICIPATION OF ALL MTN MEMBERS AND A MECHANISM FOR CONSULTATION AND EXCHANGE OF MARKET INFORMATION.

4. THE DISCUSSION ON THE ABOVE TOPIC WAS CONCLUDED WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT MEMBERS OF THE SUBGROUP SEND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING STATING THEIR VIEWS ON THE DEFICIENCIES OF THESE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ON MEANS OF IMPROVING AND COMPLETING THEM. CONCURRENTLY, DELEGATIONS WERE INVITED TO COMMUNICATE THEIR VIEWS ON THE MEANS OF LIBERALIZING IMPORT AND EXPORT REGIMES.

5. THE US PRESSED THE EC TO ELABORATE ON THEIR CONCEPT FOR STRUCTURING THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE DAIRY SECTOR IN LIGHT OF THEIR STATED INTENTION TO MAKE REQUESTS FOR TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES CONCESSIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. THE EC REPLIED THAT FIRST THE SUBGROUP MUST LAY THE FOUNDATION OF MULTILATERAL COOPERATION (SEE PARA 3), NEXT EXCHANGE OFFERS AND REQUESTS ON A BILATERAL BASIS, AND FINALLY, HAVE A MULTILATERAL DISCUSSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ALL OFFERS AND REQUESTS.

6. WITH REGARD TO THE EC SUGGESTION FOR AN INFORMATION FILE ON CHEESE, THE US STATED THAT IT WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION IF THE FILE WERE EXTENDED TO COVER ALL DAIRY PRODUCTS AND IF THE EC WERE TO AGREE TO INCLUDE THE AVE'S OF VARIABLE LEVIES. THE EC AGREE TO THE FIRST CONDITION BUT REFUSED TO PROVIDE THE AVE'S A VARIABLE LEVIES ON THE GROUNDS

THAT THEY COULD NOT BE CALCULATED AND THAT, IN ANY CASE,
VARIABLE LEVIES WERE NOT NEGOTIABLE. THE US, TO THE EC'S DISMAY
PROVIDED EXTENSIVE EXAMPLES OF THE AVE'S OF VARIABLE LEVIES. THE
EC DID NOT ELABORATE FURTHER ON ITS PROPOSAL FOR CONCERTED
DISCIPLINES ON CHEESE.

7. THE SUBGROUP AGREED ON THE SUGGESTION OF THE US TO SET
THE DATE FOR ITS NEXT MEETING IN CONSULTATION WITH DLEGATIONS.

8. A FULL REPORT OF THE MEETING WILL FOLLOW.CULBERT

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